

STEGLER A SPY FOR BRITAIN, IS GERMAN CLAIM

Now Said to Have Tried to Involve Dernburg, the Kaiser's Agent.

ALLIES' ESPIONAGE A MARVELLOUS THING

G. S. Vireck Says He Is Sure Prisoner Was in Conspiracy Against Fatherland.

That Richard P. Stegler, arrested on the charge of fraudulently obtaining an American passport, was reported to the United States Secret Service agents by persons in the service of the German Emperor after they said they had become convinced that he was in the employ of the British Secret Service, was the story told in German-American circles yesterday.

Stegler, according to these reports, not only tried to involve Captain Richard Boy-Ed, the German Naval Attaché, and George Sylvester Vireck, editor of "The Fatherland," but also sought to get in touch with Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, personal representative in this country of the Kaiser. In this he failed, Vireck seeing him only in the presence of witnesses and Dr. Dernburg being "out" when Stegler called at his office, in 1123 Broadway.

Speaking on the matter last night, a German high in the confidence of Count von Bernstorff said the report probably had its origin in the fact that the German government has been making a most exhaustive inquiry into the charges made against Captain Boy-Ed, its naval attaché, independent of the report made by him to his chief, the ambassador.

Failed to Involve Dernburg.

This inquiry, which has now been under way for several days, has, according to The Tribune's informant, "already developed many startling things. When completed it will put matters in an entirely different light than have the stories emanating from Stegler."

Efforts to get a statement from Dr. Dernburg failed. The doctor, since his arrival in this country in the role of propagandist, has steadily refused to allow himself to be placed in the light of anything but a speaker for Germany, and for this reason has refrained from taking any part in the discussion affecting the original passport case, as well as Stegler's, though he has been much sought by reporters.

The value to the Allies, however, of anything that might involve Dr. Dernburg in conflict with the laws of the United States is easily apparent. Destroying, as it would, at one blow the prestige which this former Cabinet minister has enjoyed since he came to America and was named to his cause. H. Griffiths, the former Assistant United States Attorney who is defending him, declared he had good reasons for thinking that "the Germans, fearing Stegler, turned him up to the Secret Service men."

Not a Suitable Person.

Captain Boy-Ed, who went to Washington yesterday morning for the week-end, declared on Thursday in a carefully prepared statement that seeing Stegler several times and advancing him \$178 he received information that "convicted him Stegler was not a suitable person."

Not only did Mr. Vireck authorize the use of his name in connection with the investigation, going on, but he made the flat-footed assertion that an attempt had been made to "frame up" Captain Boy-Ed. He further said that Stegler had sought to involve Dr. Dernburg in the case.

Dr. Ewers last night corroborated Mr. Vireck's version. "Stegler was referred to me by Mr. Vireck," said he. "Just as many other young Germans are referred to me for the course of work. I have taken a special interest in Germans who are stranded in this big city, and have helped many to get positions."

Victims of Alien Law Decision Astonished That Italian Is Barred from Subway Work

Husband Made Idle by State, Wife Ignorant of Law, Only Knows of Cold and Hunger in Future.

"No, I don't know what we're going to do. Vincenzo's out of work."

That wasn't exactly the way Mrs. Vincenzo Falcone said it, for she spoke in a quivering voice. A small boy, who worked in a drug store and spoke Italian in an easy fashion, and English with a "youse," interpreted. It was through him the woman told the story of how her husband lost his job as a shoemaker in the subway.

"We came to this country six years ago," she said, stopping for a moment to tuck a black knitted shawl closer around the neck of her waxen-faced Jennie.

"Vincenzo went to work in the subway two years ago. He has been working lately at Canal Street and Broadway. Sometimes he would make as much as \$2.50 a day, when he worked into the night. But most of the time it was \$1.50 or \$1.75."

Jennie, a good-sized baby for three months and a good baby, too, grabbed the kitten. The kitten squealed and tried to claw Jennie. Mrs. Falcone whacked the cat and comforted Jennie. And then she went on:

"He said two or three days ago that there was some trouble about not being a citizen. But he didn't understand very well, and neither did I. And this morning he came home with his shovel. He said he had been discharged."

She stopped abruptly. Pressed, the small boy urged her to talk more. She rolled out some voluble sentences, and waved her hands. The small boy stood opposite her, his hands in his pockets and his cap on the back of his head. He turned. "Aw, she says she don't understand. She don't know what to say because she don't understand," he ejaculated rapidly, and shifted his chewing gum.

It seemed to be a fact. Mrs. Falcone was quite stupefied over it all. Vincenzo was out of work because there was some curious American law that wouldn't allow him to make his living. And that was all there was to it. She stood and listened in a pathetic fashion to all the other questions the small boy put. But she had nothing more to say. The only time she brightened up was when the flashlight went off.

WOMAN SWIMS TO RESCUE ONCE RICH WAITER SHOOT HIMSELF

Braves Chilly Water to Save Two Children on Ice Floe.

Swimming in the icy water of Lake Oswego, near Gold Spring, Mrs. Miriam Gilson, of Putnam Valley, saved two children from drowning there yesterday.

They are Willis Osgood and Frank Nicoli, eleven and twelve years old respectively. They were carried off shore on a cake of ice. Mrs. Gilson heard their cries, and diving into the water, swam out and got Nicoli. Children on shore brought a long board, which she shoved out to young Osgood. He got hold of it and she drew him to safety.

Although he made a fortune through the kindness of financiers who once prided themselves on his friendship, Bruckner is now penniless. Since the outbreak of the war he has sought employment in vain and been the guest of friends.

Two years ago the courtly German resigned from his position as head waiter at the Hotel Astor. He informed his friends that he had retired to make a trip to Germany. To Herman Buschen, a friend, he confided that he had a tidy fortune invested in stocks and was going home to show his friends that he had made a success in life. In Germany, he explained, he had four brothers.

They had ridiculed him for seeking his fortune in strange lands, and it was his wish to see how they had prospered. From time to time Bruckner heard from his old friend. He had duly impressed his family with his wealth, though his brothers, too, had been successful.

Just before war was declared Bruckner landed again in New York. For days after the stock market closed he was distraught. Then came disquieting reports from his friends in Germany. Bruckner's dependency grew. Buschen learned that his friend's fortune was tied up; then that it was gone.

It is the hope of the President and his Cabinet advisers that the thrashing out of the case in the courts will lead to fasten culpability upon Captain Boy-Ed or his colleagues of the embassy staff. They realize that the delicate relations of the United States and Germany, as so great as to make a complication such as this unwelcome to the friends of both sides.

It is only in the event that the case against the naval attaché should become so complete as to make a policy of "letting it off" no longer a tenable one that the administration would be limited to a communication addressed to the German Embassy indicating that the presence of Captain Boy-Ed in the United States could no longer be tolerated. It was said authoritatively to-night that Captain Boy-Ed's case had not yet been taken up with the German Embassy.

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ALIEN HUNDREDS OUT OF WORK

clean cut and goes right to the bottom of the whole question. It means that thousands of Americans will be able to get jobs at the wages they demand—that of skilled laborers. Under the padrone system the contractors are able to bring over here thousands of foreigners, who stay a while and then go back, working while they stay at 50 per cent less than the American citizen who is a skilled worker.

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old, of East Orange, was killed by a Lackawanna express. Charged with obtaining \$975 from a Philadelphia man under a pretense of selling him a half interest in a show, Harry C. Lewis, a theatrical manager, of the Hotel Calvert, was held without bail in Tombs police court to await extradition to Philadelphia.

Facing an operation for stomach trouble, John Walkow, of 204 Lynch Street, Brooklyn, attempted suicide by gas yesterday. He was taken to the Williamsburg Hospital in a dying condition.

Police Captain Patrick Murphy, of the Flushing Avenue Precinct, Brooklyn, retired from the force yesterday under fire. Before examination of witnesses for Mounted Patrolman Lynch, who alleged that Murphy was "bouncing" him, Murphy left the room and wrote out his request for retirement. He is fifty-three years old, lacking two years of the necessary age for retirement. Deputy Commissioner Godley accepted the application.

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